

ELEVATED ROAD TO OPEN IN BRONX

2.4-Mile Viaduct Will Help Speed Bruckner Traffic to New England Area

A \$34,000,000 elevated section of the Bruckner Expressway, which is expected to provide major traffic relief between New York and New England, will open today.

The 2.4-mile viaduct section of the road through the Bronx will link the Triborough Bridge, Major Deegan Expressway and Bronx River Road.

It is at this point that the elevated section comes down to grade and swings easterly to join the older, middle part of Bruckner Boulevard, which is due for reconstruction starting next year.

Last year the 1.5-mile northern segment from the Throgs Neck Bridge approach to the New England section of the the New York Thruway was opened to traffic.

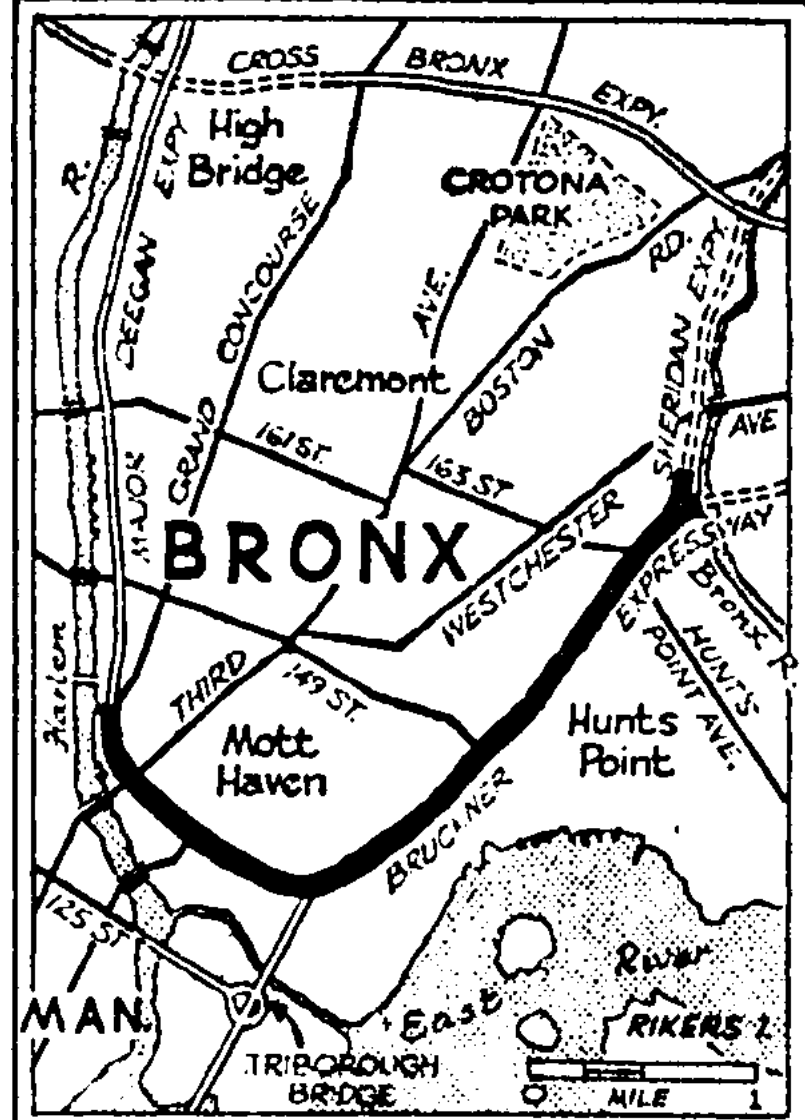
By Christmas the viaduct section also will hook up with the short Sheridan Expressway, which will channel vehicles to the Cross-Bronx Expressway. The completed 7.6-mile Bruckner Expressway will cost about \$76,000,000, of which 90 per cent is being paid for by the Federal Government as part of the Interstate System. The remaining 10 per cent is state money.

Dedication at Noon

Dedicatory ceremonies for the elevated section will take place at noon, and traffic over the free superhighway is expected to be rolling about an hour later.

The elevated highway will add six through lanes to the existing 12 lanes of Bruckner Boulevard. At its southern end the expressway will have connections with the Triborough Bridge and with the adjacent Major Deegan Expressway. There also will be a new northbound entrance ramp at 138th Street, a southbound exit ramp to Southern Boulevard near 144th Street and a northbound entrance ramp at Hunts Point Avenue to provide a link from the new Bronx Terminal Market.

Early next year construction is to start on the complex interchange with the Cross-Bronx Expressway and the Hutchinson River Parkway, and from Balcom Avenue to the Throgs Neck Bridge approach.



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